

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### GED Classes

Late registrations are still being accepted for the Romulus Adult Education's 10-week GED programs, which began this week. Choose from morning or evening classes on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. These classes are free if you're a nongraduate age 20 or older. For more information, call 941-0610.

### EDS Permit Process Suspended for Now

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has asked the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to temporarily suspend its consideration of the company's application for a permit to construct and operate a hazardous-waste management facility on Citrin Drive. The request was made following the DEQ's finding that the EDS permit application was technically deficient.

"We have asked the State for the delay in order to give us a reasonable amount of time to provide the additional information requested," said EDS vice-president Austin Marshall, who went on to explain that, without the suspension, EDS would have had only four days from the State's official notification (given November 3, 1997) to provide the information.

"Receiving such technical comments is a routine part of this permit process," Marshall continued. "For instance, after EDS submitted its original application in January 1997, the State found it to be administratively incomplete in February. EDS responded to the State's administrative comments in August, and our application was found to be administratively complete in September."

"We are confident of our ability to address each of the technical comments to the State's satisfaction, and look forward to continuing through the review process," he concluded.

The DEQ will reevaluate the status of the EDS permit on February 6, 1998 – or sooner, at EDS' request. □

## Young and Old Alike Will Get into the Spirit at These Holiday Happenings

Special seasonal events in Romulus and throughout the Metro area are sure to put the "jolly" in your holiday. Here's a sampling.

### Thanksgiving Bedtime Stories for All Ages at the Detroit Public Library

Children of all ages are invited to make Thanksgiving crafts and/or listen to delightful Thanksgiving bedtime stories at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library (located at 5201 Woodward Avenue, across from the Detroit Institute of Arts) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

For more information, please call 313-833-1490.

### Second Annual Cookie Exchange

Once again, the Romulus/Van Buren Community Education program will be offering a one-day "Christmas Cookie Exchange," at which instructor Phyllis Wilkerson will demonstrate easy, creative recipes for your holiday enjoyment. Participants will bring in a plate of one of their own favorites, along with the recipe, and go home with samples of (and recipes for) everyone else's favorites.

The class will be held at Romulus High School on Tuesday, December 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A fee of \$5 per person will be charged. For more information, or to register for the class, call 941-0610.

### Santa To Conduct Community Tree-lighting Ceremony

Santa makes his official arrival in Romulus on Friday, December 5, when (thanks to the generosity of David James, owner of Helicopter Airways at Metro Airport) he "drops in" at Romulus Historic Park to light the City's Christmas tree. Community caroling will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the tree-lighting at 7 p.m.

Afterward, Santa will stop in at Wick Elementary School, where local children can enjoy refreshments and sit on Santa's lap to tell him their holiday wishes.

### Museum Displays Recall Christmas Holidays of Old

Those who plan to attend the community tree-lighting on Friday, December 5, may also want to stop in at the Romulus Historical Museum between 5:30 and 7 p.m. to see holiday displays that recall the Christmases of bygone days. Three "period" tabletop trees will be decorated to resemble those typical of the 1850s, 1860s, and 1940s, and a number of Christmas cards from the early twentieth century will be exhibited, as well.

Also of interest will be a case filled with Coca-Cola memorabilia of various types, including small toys and gadgets that give the display a festive feeling.



Phyllis Wilkerson showed everyone "how to" at last year's Cookie Exchange class. (photo: Marge Bergman)

Entertainment will be provided by the Golden Griffon Stringtet, and refreshments will be served.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will also be accepted on behalf of the Romulus Goodfellow organization.

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## Romulus Goodfellows Are Seeking Applications, Donations

### Applications Available

The Romulus Goodfellows – in accordance with their continuing pledge, "No child (or senior citizen) without a Christmas" – have begun accepting applications for their annual holiday assistance program, and will continue to do so through Friday, December 12.

Applications may be picked up anytime at the Romulus Police Department (11165 Olive), or during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at either Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road) or Romulus Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road).

All applicants must have proof of income and a photo ID demonstrating Romulus residency.

Confidential referrals will also be accepted. For more information, call Jill Martin at the Romulus Fire Department (941-8585).

### Donations Accepted

The annual Goodfellow paper drive will be conducted on Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6, at intersections throughout Romulus. Please give generously. Your heart will be warmed knowing that you're helping a neighbor right here in Romulus to have a happy holiday season.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys and/or nonperishable food items from individuals, businesses, and community organizations or other groups are also welcome. All donations may be dropped off at either Romulus City Hall

or Fire Station #4 during normal business hours.

And, finally, the Goodfellows are looking for businesses and community groups that would like to sponsor a toy or food drive. For more information, contact the Romulus Fire Department.

### A Word of Caution

It's an unfortunate fact that, during the holidays, unscrupulous people often try to take advantage of our good nature by running phony charity solicitations. If you are approached by anyone purporting to be a member of the Romulus Police Department, Romulus Fire Department, or Romulus Goodfellow organization, feel free to call the Romulus Fire Department to verify their identity. □



## Letter to the Editor

### Collins Says Thanks, Extends Best Wishes

To the Editor:

This letter is to thank the residents of Romulus for the opportunity to have served on the Romulus City Council for the past two years.

My political career started in 1991 with a challenge to "change things." Well, since 1995, great changes have taken place in our hometown. Even bigger and better changes are on the horizon.

I want to wish the best to our newly elected officials and pledge my support to them.

As citizens of Romulus, we must pledge ourselves to be interested and involved, for our community will be only as good as our personal commitments.

Thank you all again, and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Mary Collins  
Romulus ☐

## Guest Commentary

### "Vote-by-Mail" a Step Closer to Reality

By Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit), Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and Agnes Dobronski (D-Dearborn), State Representative and Chair of the House Local Government Committee

Imagine a day when you can sit at your dining room table and vote – not with an absentee ballot, but with a ballot you received in the mail from your local clerk, and that you can mail back any time before the election. No more waiting in long lines at polling places. No more kicking yourself because you forgot to stop and vote on your way to work in the morning, or before your child's soccer game after work.

Vote-by-mail is close to becoming a reality in Michigan. The proposal joins our "no excuses" absentee-ballot legislation as the two most significant election reforms in Michigan in recent memory. These innovative proposals are aimed at making voting more convenient and accessible to voters.

The vote-by-mail proposal, currently being considered in the Michigan House of Representatives, would allow local units of government to conduct local elections by mail in 1999. Statewide elections would be added in 2004.

Under the proposal, local clerks would mail out ballots for an election to every registered voter 20 days prior to the election. The voter would fill out the ballot, then return it in the mail or in person to the clerk's office no later than the ending time of the election that day. A signature on the return envelope would be used to verify the voter's identity. The ballots would be processed by the clerk's staff just like absentee ballots are currently counted. Voters would receive a new ballot upon request if the one mailed to them became spoiled, lost, or destroyed. Safeguards have been built

into the legislation to guarantee clean elections.

At least 17 other states allow vote-by-mail for certain elections. Oregon, Nevada, and North Dakota use vote-by-mail in larger, partisan elections. In January of 1996, in a special election, Oregon experienced a 66.3% turnout through vote-by-mail.

Our proposals are designed to make voting more convenient so that more people will participate in the elections process. Vote-by-mail also gives voters the chance to study candidates and issues more closely before voting.

Vote-by-mail is just one innovation that the House Local Government Committee has approved. Earlier this year, the Michigan House approved a bill that would provide for "no excuses" absentee ballots.

Under current law, Michigan residents must offer one of six reasons why they require an absentee ballot. They include being 60 years of age or older, out of town on the day of election, physically unable to come to the polling place, religious beliefs, appointed an elections inspector in another voting precinct, or confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

The "no excuses" absentee ballot would remove those burdensome mandates for people wishing to vote. Under this legislation, anyone could request and receive an absentee ballot, regardless of the reason.

People today lead very busy lives. Between career and family obligations, the simple act of voting is often forgotten about or sacrificed because of a time crunch. Under both of these proposals, people wishing to participate in the democratic process would have greater access to voting than ever before. ☐

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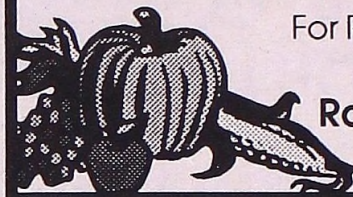


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## Many Thanks to the People of Romulus

During this time of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my appreciation to the people of Romulus for the overwhelming support they have given me in recent months. I am honored by your faith in me, and pledge to live up to that faith in the years to come.

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## Myron Gray Is Among First of Basham's Capitol Scholars



(From left) Representative Raymond E. Basham spent the day with "Capitol Scholars" Angeline Bye, Justin Turner, and Myron Gray.

Romulus High School student Myron Gray, Justin Turner of Truman High School, and Kennedy High School student Angeline Bye — the first three participants in State Representative Raymond E. Basham's newly inaugurated "Capitol Scholars" program — recently spent a day in the City of Lansing, being "mentored" in Michigan's political process by Representative Basham and his staff.

"The Capitol Scholars program will help initiate bright young men and women into politics," Basham explained. "These students hold the future of Michi-

gan's politics within them. Turning them on to the political process today might help them bloom into a Kennedy or a Roosevelt tomorrow."

The students spent the day with Basham, attending committee meetings and a session of the House of Representatives to learn firsthand about the services provided by a representative's office and staff. They also toured the Capitol with Basham.

"It is a great pleasure to reach out to our young people in this way," Basham said. "I am looking forward to the continuation of this program." □

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The Romulus Post Office will close its finance windows at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve; however, the office will stay open until 5 p.m. for pickup of packages and accountable mail. There will be full delivery on Christmas Eve, with Express Mail and Priority Mail deliveries available on Christmas Day.

The Post Office also provides more help for the holidays by offering gifts like Looney Tunes merchandise, Sing-Along video tapes, phonecards, t-shirts, Classic Postcard collections, Midnight Angel card sets, Classic Monster merchandise, and much, much more!

It is best to mail early in the day. Your post office is adding extra daily

collections to ensure that your holiday greetings will be delivered to family and friends. There will even be Sunday collections added. For package needs, remember: all Express Mail and Priority Mail packaging supplies are free.

"The Romulus Post Office knows that the holidays can be a very hectic time," says Pietrzyk. "We want to be sure to bring you holiday cheer during your visit, and are looking forward to delivering excellent service."

For added convenience, there are three 24-hour post offices open for retail services: George W. Young Post Office, 1401 W. Fort Street, Detroit; Redford Branch, 12245 Beech Daly Road, Redford; and the Airport Mail Center, Building 515, Detroit Metro Airport. These post offices will be open until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Visit the Postal Service, a nontax-funded agency, on-line at [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov) or call 800-725-2161 with any postal concerns, compliments, or suggestions that you may have. □



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**WHEREAS, Candace Walters** has demonstrated her professionalism by joining other Romulus teachers in numerous projects for the betterment of her students and the School District; and

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### Color "Santa and His Reindeer" Coloring Contest!

- You must be 10 years of age or under to enter.
- Two winners will be chosen.
- Prizes will be awarded at Santa's Pizza Party on Wednesday, December 17, 1997.
- Deadline for dropping off entries is December 12, 1997.
- Only one entry per child.
- Decision of the judges will be final. Winners will be notified by December 15th.
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By Rikki Strobos

If ever a restaurant was aptly named, it's the Kozy Korner, where "comfort food" is the specialty of the house.

Owner Emin "Elvis" Metasan, who has worked in the restaurant business for 10 years, says that he opened his restaurant in Romulus because he likes its small-town atmosphere and friendly people. He is proud of his establishment's wide variety of fare – from down-home breakfast basics like biscuits and gravy to light lunch selections like home-made soup; from supper staples like meat loaf and roast beef to specialty selections such as gyros and stir-fries. In fact, he says, the only thing that's as good as his food is the service that he and his waitresses provide.

But Elvis doesn't have to do much bragging about his cooking or his courteous staff. His customers do it for him.

"As a truck driver, I have eaten at many truck stops and restaurants all over the Midwest," says Rich Baldwin, "and I rate the Kozy Korner Cafe as one of the best restaurants I've been to. The food is excellent, and the servers – Marilyn ("Hilda") and Gabby ("Mabel") – do a great job."

Judy Oxendine of Gatex, Inc., likes the variety of foods. "From Mexican to Greek to American, I've tried it all," she smiles. "If you like fish, the fresh perch is awesome, and so are the coney dogs. The employees are friendly, too."

L-A-Ganz Unisex Salon owner, Michelle Garrison, was also complimentary: "The food is really good, and it's priced right, too! The staff members also take suggestions well."

Another possible reason for the Kozy Korner's popularity is its owner's attempts to return some of his good fortune to the community. Recently, for example, he received a sincere thank-you from Romulus High School's Class of 2000, which used contributions from the Kozy Korner and other organizations to construct their winning entry in the school's Homecoming 1997 float competition.

Elvis' next service project is set for Thursday, November 27.

"Especially on Thanksgiving, it's important for me to remember that not everyone is as fortunate as I am," says the native of Albania, who escaped from his communist country in 1985 and became a naturalized American citizen in 1995. "I'm inviting those who will have no dinner because of financial difficulties, or who will have no family to share their dinner with, to come to the Kozy Korner between 4 and 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving day to enjoy a traditional turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings, at no charge."

"It's my way of saying thanks for all the blessings I've received in this country that I love so much," he adds.

The 34-year-old Elvis has been married to wife Bedrie for the past nine years. The couple has a four-year-old son, Arian.

The Kozy Korner Cafe, which is located at 36601 Goddard Road, is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please call 941-1110. □



## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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### A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, one of the greatest Christmas stories ever written, returns to Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre (located at 3424 Woodward, one block south of Mack Avenue) beginning Friday, December 5, and continuing through Sunday, December 14. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.; a special holiday matinee will also be performed on Saturday, December 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8-\$10 for adults/\$5 for children 12 and under; discounts are available for groups. For more information, call the theatre's box office: 313-577-2960.

### Breakfast with Santa at St. Aloysius

St. Aloysius Catholic School (located at 37200 Neville Road in Romulus) will host a Santa Breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 6. Scrambled eggs, sausage links, waffle sticks, and a beverage will be served. Cost is \$3.50 for adults; \$3 for children. Participants can also get their picture taken with Santa for an additional \$2. For more information, call Laura Coomer at 941-1389.

### Library Christmas-tree Trim/Holiday Mural

The Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) invites everyone to come down at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, to string popcorn and cranberries and make paper chains to decorate the building's Christmas tree. Participants will also have an opportunity to make an ornament to take home.

Residents are also invited to use their artistic ideas and talents to contribute to the library's holiday mural. To add your picture, stop in during the building's regular open hours (Mondays through Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m.) anytime between November 29 and December 20. The mural will be displayed behind the circulation desk as it is completed.

For more information, call 942-7589.

### Turtle Dog's Holiday Gift

*Turtle Dog's Holiday Gift* - to be performed at the Detroit Music Hall (350 Madison Avenue at Brush in Detroit) by the award-winning and imaginative "Pink Inc." - is a heartwarming tale of a search for love and friendship which is told using vibrantly colored, larger-than-life puppets. The show, which is part of the Youtheatre's Wiggle Club performance series, is perfect for children ages three and up. (No one under the age of three will be admitted to the theatre.)

Show times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 7. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. For more ticket information, call the Music Hall Ticket Office: 313-963-2366.

### Christmas Craft Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department is offering one-day Christmas craft classes for residents of all ages (children eight and under must be accompanied by an adult) at the Recreation building (36515 Bibbins). Those attending the class set for Saturday, December 6, from 1 to 4 p.m., can make either an angel (\$5 fee) or a Christmas ball (\$3 fee); participants in the Saturday, December 13 class can make a potpourri pie, reindeer, or Christmas ball (\$3 fee for each). Samples of these craft creations are currently on display at the Recreation building. Registration deadlines are December 4 and December 11, respectively. For more information, call the Recreation office at 942-6852.

### Wayne County "Festival of Lights" Tour

Residents of all ages are invited to take part in the Romulus Recreation Department's tour of the Wayne County Light Festival, set for Friday, December 12, at 6 p.m. (bus will return to the Recreation office at approximately 9 p.m.). A charge of \$2 per person or \$6 per family covers transportation and admission; additional funds should be brought by those who plan to purchase refreshments at the snack/souvenir shop which is on the route. Deadline for registration is December 11. For more information, call the Recreation office at 942-6852.

### Lunch with Santa at the Romulus Recreation Department

Children ages three to 10 can eat lunch with Santa at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins) at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 13. A \$3-per-person fee includes hot dogs, chips, drink, and dessert. Early registration is advised, since space is limited to the first 50 people to sign up. Deadline for registration is December 11. For more information, call the Recreation office at 942-6852.

### Romulus "Holiday Decorations" Tour

Adults only are invited to tour the City on Thursday, December 18, to judge homes in the City's annual holiday decorating contest. Bus departs from the Recreation office at 6 p.m. Cost is just \$1. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 17. (Note: Residents who would like to enter their home in the contest must contact the Recreation Department to give their name and address no later than December 17.) For more information, call the Recreation office at 942-6852. □

### HELP WANTED

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## "Meet-the-Band Night" at Wick



Band students were resplendent in their trick-or-treat costumes on Monday, October 27, during their "Meet-the-Band Night" Halloween concert. Friends and relatives in the audience were treated to the musical introduction of the Boo-ginning, Coffin-cert, and Spook-phonic bands, as well as the Wizards of Wick Elementary School.

## Travel Tips Take Stress Out of Flying

The holiday season is fast approaching at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), and so are predictions of continued record-breaking passenger volumes. Since the 1997 holiday season should bring more passengers to the Airport than ever before, Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara is offering some travel tips to make everyone's journey a little more enjoyable.

"The Wednesday before and the Sunday after Thanksgiving are two of the busiest days of the year at Metro Airport," said McNamara. "We want to be sure that DTW's passengers are prepared for the holiday rush so that their holiday spirit will remain intact throughout their traveling experience."

### Some Travel Tips

- Domestic passengers traveling Wednesday, November 26, and Sunday, November 30, should plan on arriving at the Airport at least two hours before the scheduled departure of their flight. International travelers should allow a minimum of at least three hours. Remember, these are just the peak days. Travel will still be heavy throughout the week. Give yourself plenty of extra time and plan ahead!
- The airport parking hotline (featuring a live person – *not* a recording), 1-800-642-1978, will advise travelers of up-to-the-minute parking conditions at the airport. Metro Airport has plenty of on-airport parking, says McNamara, and its overflow lot will be available throughout the holiday season.
- Curb-side check-in is still allowed in front of the terminals.

- If you are picking up a friend or relative, make plans to park in one of the short-term lots and meet your party at the gate. Curb fronts can become very congested and are reserved for active loading and unloading only! Motorists will not be allowed to wait at curbside. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed and towed.
- Have ID tags filled out, both on the inside and outside of your bags, before you arrive.
- Passengers 18 years of age and older should be prepared to present a valid photo ID (such as a driver's license or passport) at the check-in counters. Passengers who do not have a photo ID should call their airline for check-in instructions.
- Do not leave your luggage unattended for any time.
- Be prepared to answer questions about luggage.
- Pack valuables such as jewelry, cameras, medication, passports, and money in carry-on luggage.
- Remember to keep carry-on luggage limited. Holiday flights tend to be completely full, and carry-on space inside most aircraft is at a premium. Airlines may limit carry-on items based on high passenger loads. (Metro Airport's hub carrier, Northwest Airlines, recently revised its carry-on luggage policy, limiting carry-on luggage to one piece per customer when the passenger load factor exceeds 70%.)
- To identify luggage quickly, you can tie a bright ribbon on the handle of your bags.

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## LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

	1	2	3	
	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	
	31	32	33	
	34	35	36	

### DEFINITIONS

1. Object of criticism or attack
2. Scrape or rasp
3. Once again, he's Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Romulus
4. A place often frequented
5. Apparently, Charlie wasn't a tasty enough type of this
6. Convert a hide into leather
7. Known or understood by few
8. Mother-of-pearl
9. Eruption of pimples, especially on the face
10. Fill in these for good form?
11. Certain illegal motions made by a pitcher
12. Broad, flat, thick slice or chunk, as of bacon or stone
13. Work stoppage organized as a form of protest
14. Series of rows ranked one above another
15. "The can," "the tank," or "the big house"
16. Slightly intoxicated
17. Type of party?
18. Gratuity or perquisite
19. Short-bladed weapon
20. Evaluate the quality of
21. Violent anger; fury
22. Itemized bill
23. Tenderfoot; tyro
24. Assembly of witches
25. Strikingly new; unusual
26. Single; solitary
27. Fifth sign of the zodiac
28. Without hypocrisy; unfeigned; genuine
29. Conceal from view
30. This largest of the asteroids was also the first discovered
31. Approximately; roughly
32. Type of race
33. Vega's constellation
34. Coordinated procedures for apprehending a criminal suspect
35. Passionate; fervent
36. Payed, as into a poker pool

For solution, see page 19

## YOU'LL FIND IT IN "THANKFUL"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in THANKFUL? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 32 words can be found on page 19

## WW Says Give Thanks for a Healthy Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving dinner is the festive feast that officially starts the holiday season. American families have their own Thanksgiving traditions, especially when it comes to food. For most, Thanksgiving dinner would be unthinkable without turkey.

Although male (tom) turkeys can reach 70 pounds, those over 20 pounds are not widely available. The female (hen) turkey usually weighs between eight and 16 pounds. Readily available now is a smaller version of both sexes, sometimes called a fryer-roaster. The trend toward these compact turkeys is

the result of both smaller families and the desire to make turkeys everyday meal choices, rather than exclusively holiday fare. As you enjoy your Thanksgiving turkey, remember that it is a delicious, low-fat protein source for dinner throughout the year, fresh or frozen.

"Holiday Stuffing," "Cranberry-Sweet Potato Quick Bread," and "Tangerine Bavarian Tart" are delicious, healthy complements to your Thanksgiving Day feast. Enjoy more relaxation time on Thanksgiving Day by preparing the "Quick Bread" and the "Tangerine Bavarian Tart" the day before.

### Holiday Stuffing

(makes 12 servings)

- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1 eight-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 3 tbsp. minced parsley
- 1 tsp. dried sage
- 1 eight-ounce package herb-seasoned stuffing mix

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Spray a 2-quart casserole with nonstick cooking spray.

Spray a large, nonstick saucepan with nonstick cooking spray; heat. Add the celery, onion, and mushrooms; cook, stirring as needed, until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the water chestnuts, parsley, sage, and 1 1/2 cups water; bring to a boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the stuffing mix.

Transfer the mixture to the casserole. Bake until heated through and slightly crispy on top, about 20 minutes.

Points per serving: 2.

Per serving: 87 Calories; 1 g. Total Fat; 0 g. Saturated Fat; 0 mg. Cholesterol; 277 mg. Sodium; 17 g. Total Carbohydrate; 0 g. Dietary Fiber; 2 g. Protein; 32 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Simply the Best: 250 Prize Winning Family Recipes*, 1997.

### Cranberry-Sweet Potato Quick Bread

(makes 16 servings)

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup canned, unsweetened mashed sweet potato
- 3/4 cup egg substitute
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted
- 1 cup chopped cranberries
- 2 tbsp. sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine first 7 ingredients in a bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Combine sweet potato, egg substitute, orange juice, and margarine in a bowl; add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moist. Fold in cranberries.

Spoon batter into a 9x5" loaf pan coated with nonstick spray; sprinkle almonds over batter. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack; remove from pan. Let cool completely on wire rack. Cut into 16 equal slices.

Points per serving: 3.

Per serving (1 slice): 163 Calories; 3.6 g. Total Fat; 0.7 g. Saturated Fat; 0 mg. Cholesterol; 169 mg. Sodium; 29.3 g. Total Carbohydrate; 1.2 g. Dietary Fiber; 3.6 g. Protein; 47 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Magazine Simple Goodness*, 1997.

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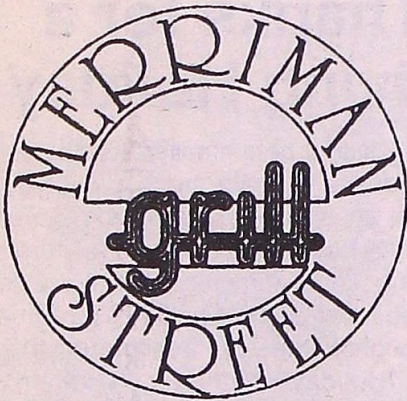
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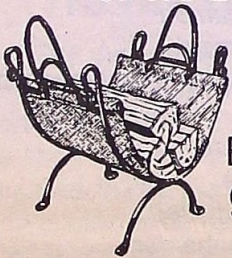
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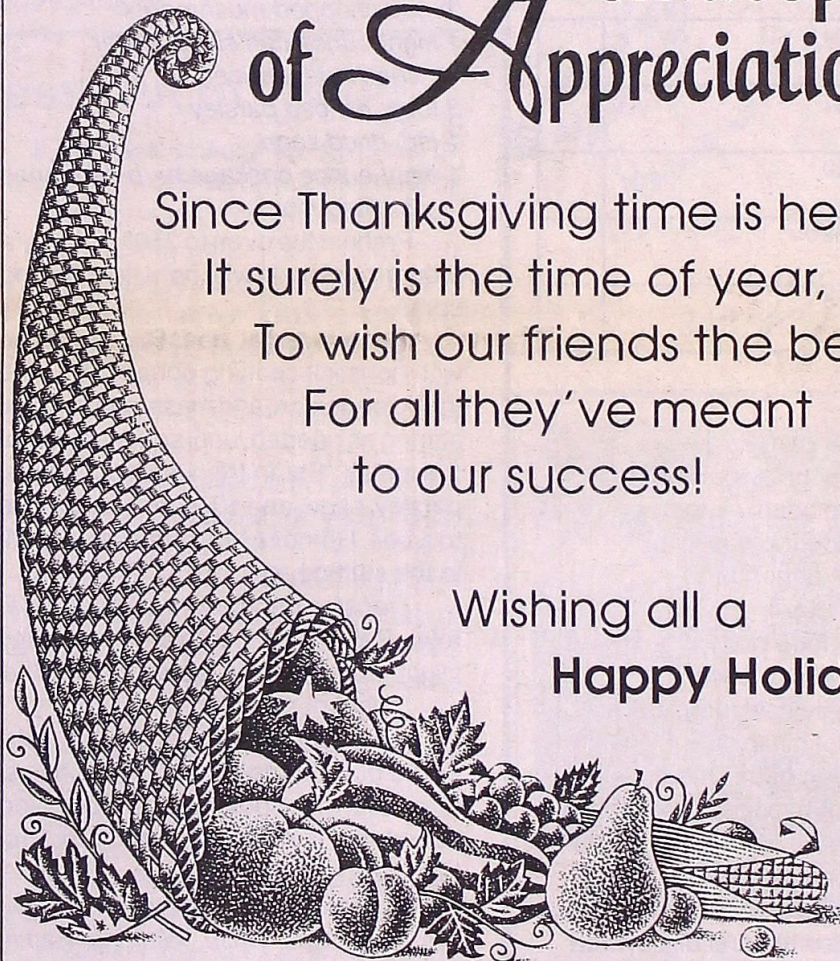


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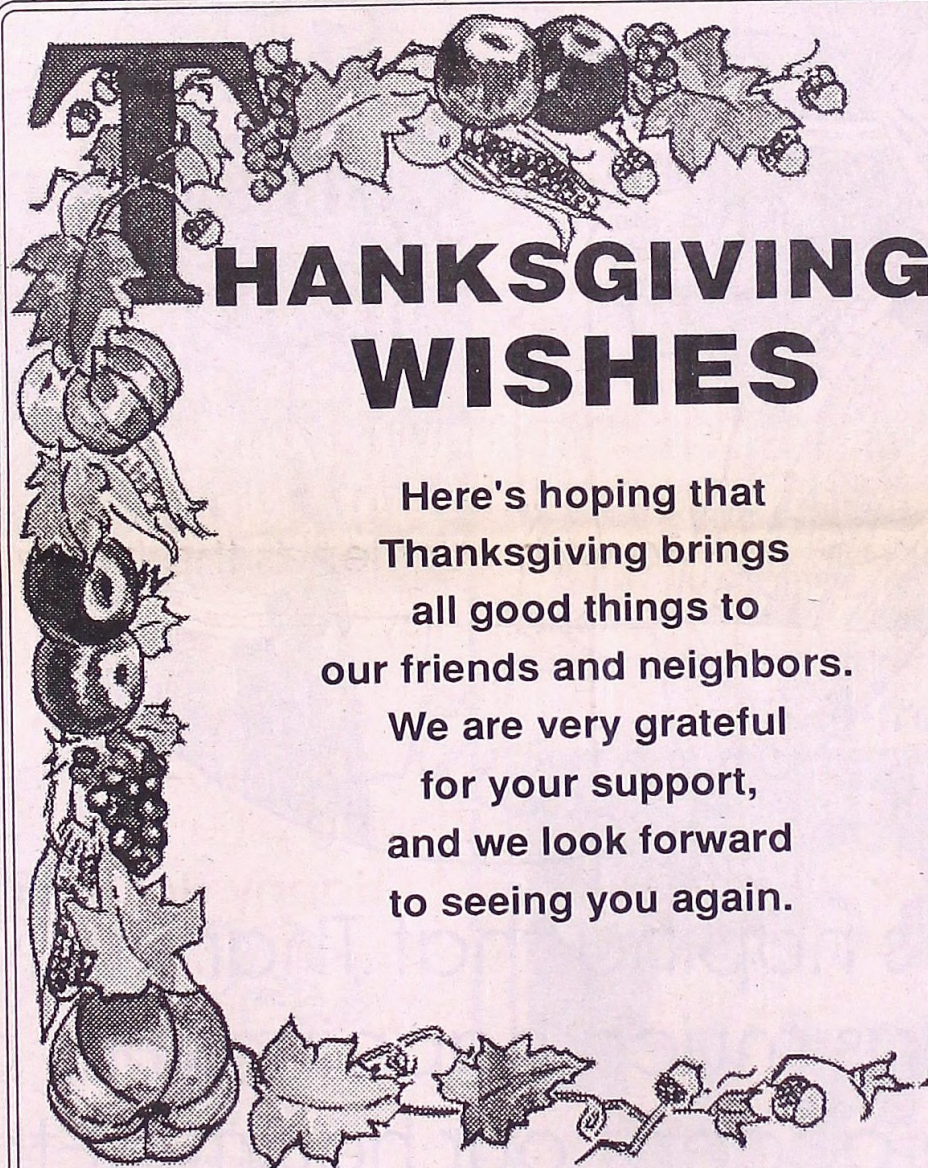
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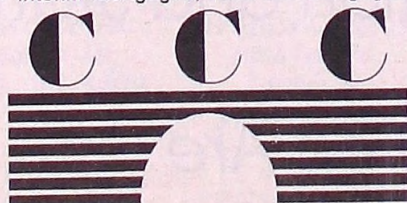
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# Spook-tacular Houses for Sale!



Editor's note: Halloween, learning, and fun came together recently at Wick Elementary School when students created haunted houses and then competed to see who could do the best job of creating a sales pitch to sell their revolting real estate based on its definitely dubious merits.

Afterward, James Davis, a student at Wick, wrote the following article describing the event for "the little paper."  
**Spook-tacular Houses for Sale!**  
By James Davis

On the 29th, 30th, and 31st of October, the sixth-graders of Wick Elementary

presented their haunted houses in the Media Center of Wick to get into the Halloween spirit.

"The students put a lot of hard work not only into their house but into their presentations and costumes," quoted Mrs. Juriga.

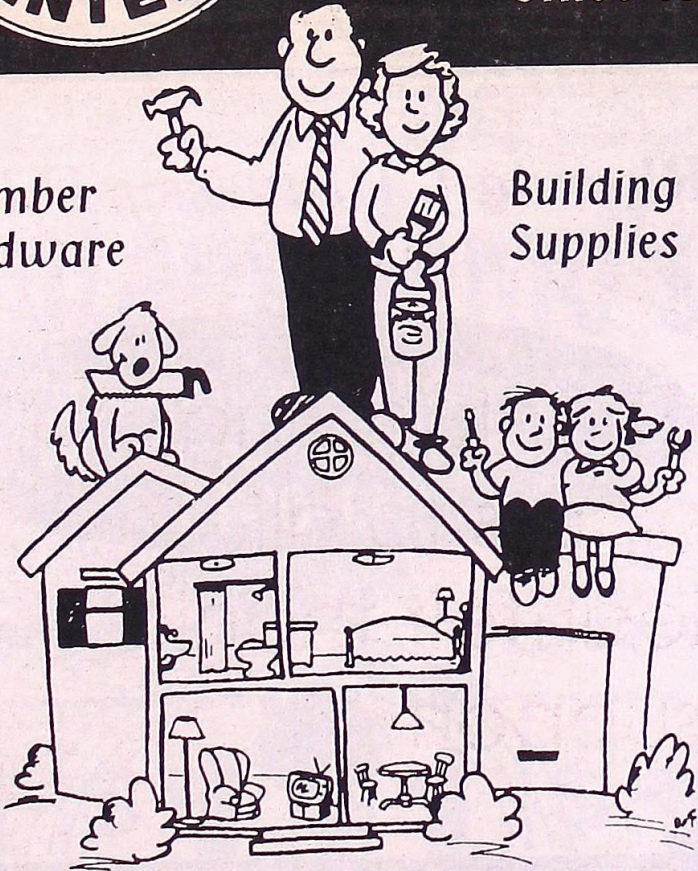
The students got all dressed up into their costumes and stood in front of their fellow schoolmates and described the wonderful things about their haunted houses. Therefore, the Media Center was full of ghosts, monsters, vampires, and an unusual cow! Most of the presentations concluded in great grades.



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# Drug-free: That's Me!



Wick Elementary students participating in the recent "Drug-free: That's Me" program co-sponsored by the Mayor's Drug Task Force and the Romulus Community Schools were: (all rows are from right to left) front – Shanice Anderson, Tiara Grandison, Ashley Pardon, Nicole Sattler, Danika James, Darius Price, Nicole Love, and Heather Babol; second – Jennifer Dick; third – Jessie Cox, Candice Parsons, Maurio Clark, Kayla Reed, Rhiannon Crawford, and Merrika Brown; fourth – Jason Andrews and Shawn Perkins. (Not pictured: Erica Hulet, Kierstyn Slatinski, and Edwin Lewis.)



## Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who made their school's honor roll during the first marking period of the 1997-1998 school year.

### Barth Elementary

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

#### Mrs. Gursky's Class (Fifth Grade)

Kursha Bradford, Michael Capelli, Anica Coate, Mendell Fickling, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Benjamin Hohman, Elyse Hooks, Devin Kemp, Julian Mitchell, Anjelique Moss, Christina Rocker, Jennifer Shelton, Avery Stephenson, Olivia Sylvester, and Natalie Watt.

#### Mr. Watson's Class (Fifth Grade)

Jazmine Bennett, Stephanie Bishop, Michael Dotson, Jennifer Goss, Kevin Hamilton, Paris Hawkins, Devony Kelbassa, Andrea Redding, Jessica Shelton, Dante Williams, and Ryan Witherow.

#### Mrs. Reott's Class (Sixth Grade)

Heather Bishop, Carla Broom, Jessica Case, Jeff Crampton, Fallon Dailey, Karrah Duncan, Peter Elam, Ryan Ellis, Jessica Frost, Stacey Gilbert, Sarah Herbert, Josiah Jendritz, Danielle Keyser, Angela Lewis, Richard Martin, Bianca Martinez, Kristi Rice, Britany Sawdy, \*Jon Taylor, and Kristen Townsend.

#### Mr. Watson's Class (Sixth Grade)

Lauren Block, Andre Brown, Jeffery Clay, Felicia Dailey, James Elam, Aaron Harden, Patrick McCollum, Suzanne Nehila, Cali Trevorow, Molly Tuttle, and Samantha Youtsey.

(Note: The following students are recognized as "Striving for Excellence" by receiving all "A" and "B" grades.)

#### Mrs. Abela's Class (Third Grade)

Melissa Brewington, Andrew Hildebrandt, Amanda Kreutzer, Danica Porter, and Dakota Watson.

#### Mrs. Hall's Class (Third Grade)

Patrice Barden, Carissa Franklin, Tiffany Gray, Alysa Long, and Caleb Wisterman.

#### Miss Fritz's Class (Fourth Grade)

Ronald Baker, Venture Brohl, Timothy Hammar, Jeannie Hayes, Ronald Kreutzer, and Ashley Moss.

#### Mrs. Mientkiewicz's Class (Fourth Grade)

Megan Bearman, Bradley Bills, Brittney Cabral, Ronald Carter, Katrell Duncan, Chrisma Nathaniel, Joshua O'Dell, Kristine Plank, Patricia Silvey, Skylar Winter, and Rebekah Wisterman.

### Cory Elementary

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

#### Mr. Blackburn's Class

Stacey Clarke, Shaena Kettlewell, Mark Wheeler, Henry Wiggins, and Kiera Wilson.

#### Ms. English's Class

Lauren Belle, Doloris Garry, Abbey Macey, and Cecilia Wells

#### Ms. Gilkey's Class

Lindsay Allison, Delilah Brennan, Monica Cox, Brandon Finley, Carolyn Moore, and Dijon Piggee.

#### Ms. Heinzelman's Class

Ahmad Caldwell, Damien Harris, Melissa Hubbard, Lavar Mingo, and Sherika Wester.

#### Ms. Miller's Class

Tiffany Block, Monika Burgess, Teela Carroll, Lauryn Farkas, Danny Shinn, and Kim Wilson.

#### Ms. Pluff's Class

Jason Burnette, Nicole Carroll, Katelyn Crozier, Jeffrey DuFore, \*Aleshia Fawthrop, Christopher Fitzner, Rebecca LaBo, Nicholas Lewis, \*Aurille McCauley, Brittany Nagy, Ryann Norfleet, Joshua Ray, Justin Wasiak, and Theresa Windom.

#### Ms. Price's Class

Yetunde Emanuel, James Hayes, Antionice Hearst, Nicole Klages, Brandy Nagy, Jessica Paré, Tiffany Penn, Justin Sledd, and Mariay Watt.

#### Mr. Smith's Class

Joshua Brown, Theresa Chadwick, Jessica Deverich, \*Carissa Drobil, Tia Flemings, Corie McKendry, Bryant Mosely, Rebecca Oros, Jamie Ross, Sarah Schatilo, \*Ryan Tackett, and Marvin Wheeler.

#### Ms. Walter's Class

Ayibatari Burutolu, \*Megan Crozier, Anthony Groce, Jessica Moore, Tamara Mrazik, \*Arlennea Savage, Erin Strain, Sarah Varga, and Antonia Walker.

### Romulus Middle School

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

#### Seventh Grade

Sheila Adams, Paul Adkins, Shannon Allen, Felicia An'Noor, Christopher Anderson, Christopher Bailey, Clint Bergum, Scott Blackburn, Kimberly Blankenship, De'Lano Boles, \*Katie Bolus, Amanda Boner, Ryan Boyd, \*Amanda Brewington, Bridgette Broaden, Laneisha Brown, Ronald Buckley, \*Tiffany Burrell, \*Taritonye Burutolu, Casey Cadwell, Kyleen Calloway, Christopher Chesno, Sandy Chiu, Sade Clinkscales, Christopher Conley, Angela Conradson, \*Meghan Conway, Terra Cooley, Jamie Cox, Carlos Crockett, Amanda Crosby, Leslie Dailey, Christopher Davis, Sherri Davis, Eric Decker, Josephine Denys, Tiffany Dotson, LeChaunte Ellerson, Glen Farmer, Brenda Finley, Crystal Foust, Andrew Garfield, Jeremy Glenn, Sarah Gray, Austin Gresham, Rick Hadyniak, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Lashawnda Harris, Shahidah Hasan, Megan Hatcher, Ashley Hayes, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Camorette James, Nabila Khan, Amanda Klages, \*Crystal Koch, \*Hilary Kozma, Julian Lambert, Marcia Manier, Brian Manthei, Latosha May-

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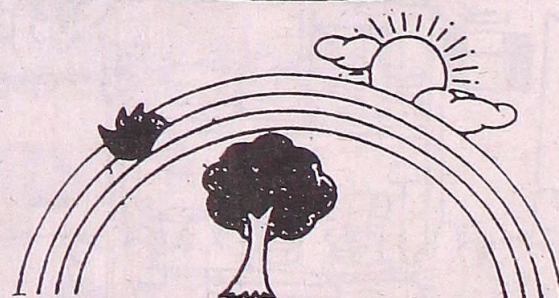
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cock, Jolene McBride, Andrew McNeil, Jason Messenger, Falicia Modzynski, Michael Moomaw, Louis Nault, Joshua Nichols, William Oros, Heather Patrick, Jesse Patterson, \*Leslie Perez, Latoya Pillow, Randy Polk, Loretta Ransaw, \*Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Andrew Rodger, Ceila Samuel, Jennifer Sattler, Brandy Simonds, Clayton Smith, Miyon Smith, Robert Smith, Tiffany Smith, Tiffany Stamper, Latoya Starr, Jill Steffani, Jamie Stephens, Ashley Stockdale, Bethany Swauger, Rye Theriot, Matthew Thiode, Amy Thompson, Dennis Thompson, Brandon Varga, Kjersten Wesley, Jerry White, Javin Whitlow, Angela Williams, Cassandra Wilson, Shannon Winkles, Schlay Wooden, \*Megan Woodrow, Mark Woody, Sherie Yharbough, and Yahmeer Zockheem.

### Eighth Grade

Shameah Abraham, Sarah Barnard, Amber Barnes, Mark Barnes, Amanda Bassett, Nicole Bills, Brittany Bingham, Shanelle Bishop, Marida Bivens, \*Chrystal Blair, Amy Bowman, David Boyd, Sarah Breeding, Kristen Brooks, Rachel Broom, Michael Bruckner, Miranda Burns, Ebitari Burutolu, Elizabeth Caburet, Kelly Carroll, Roger Chapman, Lindsey Coleman, Jenny Cornelius, Leah Cotham, David Cox, Cortney Daniels, Richard Davidson, Jennifer Davis, Rochelle Davis, Dayna Dawson, Brandon Demoisey, Kenneth Dozier, Kendal Duncan, Stephanie Durtka, Jonathon Fisher, Deborah Fox, Tia Garrett, Jason Gianacopoulos, Adam Gibbons, Akita Gibson, Andrea Gibson, \*Jerome Gray, Sarah Hall, Rahila Haq, Jennifer Harper, Jeremy Hendricks, Ileena Hill, Frederick Hubbard, \*Deana Hunter, Amanda Judy, Kevin Kendrick, Scott Kennedy, Kathrine Kortas, Tracy Lafehr, Leah Lazenby, Gary Lee, \*Jasmine Mark, Andrea Marosan, Lonnie McCollum, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Jason Miela, Bridgette Miller, Charmaine Miller, Christopher Moore, Devon Mootry, Tasha Mullins, Erica Necker, Dana Noble, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Erica Patterson, William Polk, \*Arkeyta Porter, Stephen Potoczek, \*Antoinette Price, Jennifer Randall, Amanda Rohde, DeJuan Rusan, John Schenavar, Charles Searcy, Kristen Singer, Wendi Skiff, LaShawn Smith, Nicholas Smith, Deon Solomon, Geoffrey Sparr, Stephanie Stillwagon, Lakisha Talley, Melissa Thornton, Christina Tieppo, Nicole Vlodyka, Kanetra Warren, Monica Watson, Toby Webb, Rachel Wertz, Erica Williams, Keishonda Williamson,

Alexander Wilson, \*Ray Woodrow, Chianta Wyatt, \*David Wycaver, and Angela Zajac.

### Wick Elementary

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

#### Third Grade

Shon Aggison, \*Andrew Boyd, Taniesha Burkes, \*Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, Jacob Eggers, Jaclyn Evanski, Tatiana Gray, Quintin Gregory, Jonathon Hensley, Michael Honto, Heather Kish, Katrina Little, Brandi McGoldrick, \*Brie McGoldrick, Ashley Pardon, Cherica Peoples, Darius Price, \*Richard Remeilus, Vanessa Russell, \*Alex Sampson, Monay Smith, Kandice Wells, Justin White, \*Shakita Wilson, Brittany Wright.

#### Fourth Grade

Curtis Adams, Lindsay Beregsasy, Darryl Carrol, Janie Coursey, Dijon Deal, Samantha Elder, Jason Elwell, Matthew Gawne, Matthew Goley, Brittany Hampton, Ashley Horyn, Dawan Jackson, Ashley Johnson, Danielle Keller, Corey Koch, Monet McCroan, Travis Parker, Rolanda Peammon, Amber Pouncey, Jonathan Rafalski, John Sandefur, Robert Staffieri, Siera Stewart, Brian Thiede, and Lola Wynn.

#### Fifth Grade

Tiara Anderson, Kristen Atchley, \*Brendon Boyd, Daniel Brown, \*David Butzin, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, David Coyne, James Deline, Randi Ferree, Lakesha Fuller, Crystal Hahn, Sapphire James, Myleah Jones, Stephen Kish, Jared Kozma, Candace Lawrence, Kyerra Naugles, Candase Parsons, Michelle Patterson, Shawn Perkins, Merlaina Polk, Philip Roscoe, Shaunta Simon, Tiffany Smith, Paulette Stanford, \*Matt Steffani, Jamie Suiter, Jeremy Thomason, \*Jessica Trahey, and Lance Vaughn.

#### Sixth Grade

Natalie Blake, Brandon Blankenbaker, Tanya Brooks, Kristina Camilleri, Amanda Cooper, \*Rhianon Crawford, \*James Davis, Lauren Fox, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, \*Terry Harper, Bryan Hoehing, Christine Milligan, Christopher Mills, \*Kristina Rafalski, Tiffney Ramsey, Vincent Robinson, \*Sara Schulz, Kevin Stickler, Isaiah Warren, Alyce Wesley, and Samuel Williams.

#### Mrs. Meredith's Class

Jason Andrews, Steven Bostain, Rondal Cox, Justin Dockery, Yvette Douglas, Danielle Hendricks, Cortaz Hughes, Brittni Lansbury, Jajuan Mosby, Jeffery Ottenbreit, Samantha Smith, and Darrell Ward. □

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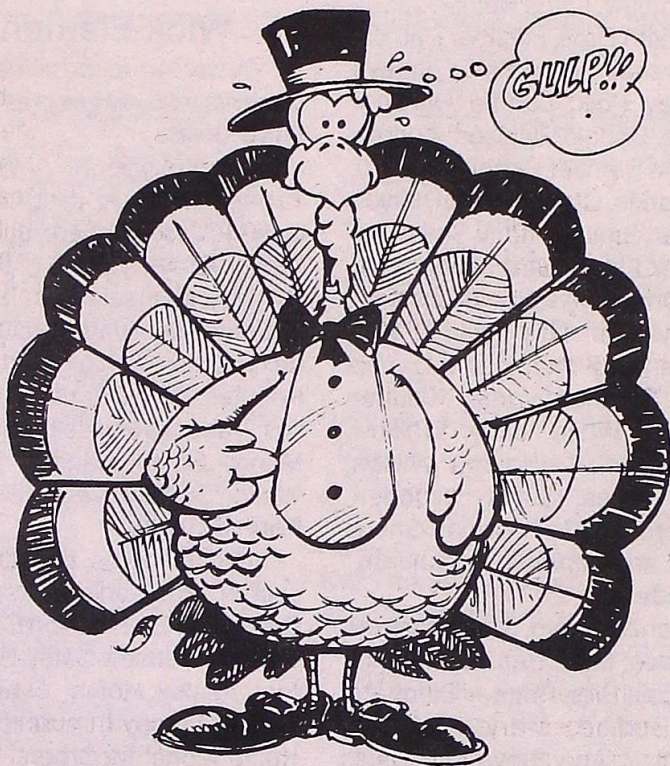
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### REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held at the Romulus Middle School on Monday, October 27, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended as follows: Move Item VI. G., "Communications and Expressions from the Public," under VI. A. 1., "Report of the Superintendent."

10/97/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

10/97/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlenn to approve the Minutes of October 13, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### *Communications and Expressions from the Public*

Members of the audience discussed their concerns as they pertain to the operation of the School District.

##### *Personnel Actions*

10/97/14 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the Agreement and Release and Discharge of All Claims between John Lynch, the Wayne County MEA/NEA, and the School District be approved and that the Human Resources Director be authorized to sign the Agreement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### *Approval of Para's Contract Adjustment*

10/97/15 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the Para wage agreement of 2%, retroactively, for the 1997-98 school year as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Berlenn). Motion carried.

##### *Bills for Payment*

10/97/16 Moved by Berlenn supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### *Merriman Playground - Matching Funds*

10/97/17 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the Board of Education accept the Maintenance Department and Business Office's recommendation to allocate \$9,000 of capital outlay funds to match Merriman Schools' funding for playground equipment. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### *Elementary Class-size Review*

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed data that showed our elementary class sizes for this year and the cost incurred by the District. Discussion followed.

##### *Congressperson Rivers' Round Table*

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the letter received from Congressperson Rivers relative to hosting the Round Table on November 17 from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. in the Administration Office.

##### *Items of Interest from the Superintendent*

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board: 1) Cory Memo; 2) McEducator's Day; and 3) National Governor's Conference.

##### *Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members*

Michael Woods stated that he would like to have class sizes of 24-25 students and requested a counselor update dealing with goals and outcomes.

Judie Gondek cited the vocal program at the High School on Wednesday and McEducator's Day on October 29.

Howard Kesner stated that he would like to attend the November 3 new-staff meeting, but is unable to because of time constraints.

##### *Executive Session*

10/97/18 Moved by Webb supported by Berlenn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:45 P.M.

10/97/19 Moved by Webb supported by Woods that the Board of Education send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Jimmie Raspberry for his many years of service to the Romulus community. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### *ADJOURNMENT:*

10/97/20 Moved by Berlenn supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## Home Heating Assistance Program. Benefits Seniors, Low-income Families

### Winter Protection Plan

State Representative Raymond E. Basham has asked that the following information be published as cold weather approaches and questions about heating assistance arise.

### Contact: Local Utility Company

The Winter Protection Plan protects senior and low-income customers from service shut-offs and high utility bill payments during the winter months (considered to be from December 1 through March 31). Now through November 30, you may sign up early for the Winter Protection Plan by paying for your current utility usage, plus one-twelfth of any past-due amount, and agreeing to the terms of the Winter Protection Plan for the upcoming heating season.

If you are a low-income customer, your utility service will remain on from December 1 through March 31 if:

- you pay at least 7% of your estimated annual bill, and
- you make regular payments on any past due bills.

When the protection period ends (March 31), you must begin to pay

the full monthly bill, plus part of the amount you owe from the winter months when you did not pay the full bill. Or, between April 1 and November 30, you may choose to pay nine percent of the estimated annual bill each month, together with the monthly payment on any past-due bills.

You qualify for the plan if you meet *at least one* of the following requirements:

- you are age 65 or older,
- you receive Family Independence Agency cash assistance,
- you receive Food Stamps,
- you receive Medicaid, and/or
- you have a household income at or below the 150% of poverty level.

Senior-citizen customers who participate in the Winter Protection Plan are not required to make specific payments to ensure that their service will not be shut off during the winter months. However, seniors are encouraged to pay whatever they can during the winter so that they won't have large, unmanageable bills when the protection period ends. □

## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Closed for the Holiday

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Tax Preparers Needed

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is looking for volunteers interested in donating their time to prepare local senior citizens' 1997 tax returns. Each volunteer will receive free training and necessary supplies – and, in return, will be asked to donate four hours of his/her time once a week during the upcoming tax season to prepare returns at the Romulus Senior Center. For more information about this important program, which needs your help to survive, call 942-6852.

### Holiday Gala Will Celebrate the New Year

A few spaces still remain for the Senior Center's 2nd Annual Holiday Gala, which will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 29, at the Romulus VFW Hall, located on Huron River Drive. (Note: Special thanks to Post #9568, which has once again donated the space for this special event.) A \$5-per-person cost covers a delicious catered meal, door prizes, party favors, and entertainment. Be sure to reserve your space *now* if you would like to attend. *No one will be admitted without signing up in advance.*

### Lunch and a Play

On Saturday, November 22, Romulus seniors are invited to go out for a seven-course luncheon at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville, followed by a production of *Aladdin* at the Marquis Theatre and a side trip for shopping at Vic's Market. Cost for the day is \$35. A seat or two still remains. Sign up at the Center.

### Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

### Bowlers Needed

The Romulus Senior-citizen Bowling League is in need of both regular and substitute bowlers (age 55 or older). Call the Center for more information.

### Free Blood-pressure Readings

GranCare Home Health invites local seniors to stop in at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month for a free blood-pressure check and a chance to "ask the nurse" questions regarding medications, preventive health alternatives, disease processes, etc. (Next date: December 1.) No advance registration is required.

### Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is requested.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); pinocle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and craft classes (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.

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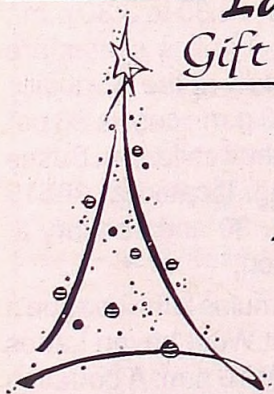
The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441.

### Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For more information, call 313-843-2550. □

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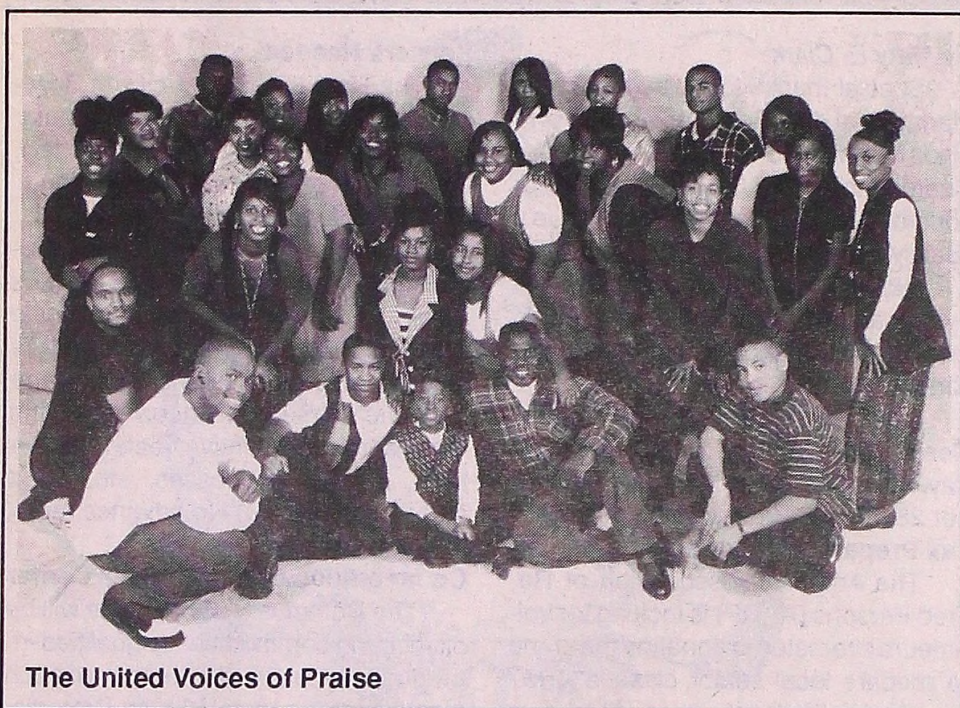
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There will be no admission charge to attend.

The United Voices of Praise is a talented group of young people, ages teen to adult, who belong to Saint City COGIC and Whitehead COGIC, where Elder James L. Whitehead, Jr., serves as pastor. United Voices was founded by Gwen Brown and Kendra Hullum, both of whom are members of the Saint City church.

"We pray that, through our singing, your heart will be touched," says Shelia Charlton, one of the group's spokespersons, "and that, if you are not yet saved, you will invite God into your heart as your personal Savior."

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Mountain. They have added 25 vertical feet and doubled intermediate and advanced terrain. A tubing run is under construction. A restaurant, which was scheduled to open November 1, features slope-side views.

Apple Mountain, near Freeland, added 10,000 square feet to the lodge. Snowsnake, near Harrison, added a lounge and upped snowmaking and rentals.

### Southern Lower Peninsula

In Southeast Michigan, skiers at Alpine Valley near Milford will ride a new three-place chair lift from the main lodge, replacing a two-seat model. There are 1,000 sets of new rentals, including shaped skis and snowboards.

Mount Holly, near Holly, installed the first four-place "detachable" chair lift in the southern part of the Lower Peninsula (LP), halving ride time. One

trail was lengthened by 300 feet, and snowmaking was increased about five percent.

Mount Brighton, near Brighton, added a ski and snowboard terrain park with a handle tow and snowmaking. Lighting was improved, and shaped-skis, snowboard, and boot rentals were added. Pine Knob, near Clarkston, also added shaped-ski rentals.

In the southwestern LP, Bittersweet, near Otsego, widened and lengthened two intermediate runs 25 feet, and added 200 pairs of rental skis.

AAA Michigan and Travel Michigan have produced a one-page guide, "Downhill Destinations 1997-98," which charts the services and facilities at each of the State's ski areas. The guide will be available free at all AAA Michigan branch offices beginning Thanksgiving week. Skiers can call 800-MI-4SNOW for daily conditions, also. □

## Community Calendar

- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 18th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March 1988. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Romulus Rotary Seeks Old Eyeglasses** – The Romulus Rotary Club is asking people to donate their old prescription eyeglasses to help those who are less fortunate. A drop-off center will be made available, for your convenience, at the Romulus IGA on Goddard Road in the downtown area.
- **Pilgrim Travelers Missionary Baptist Graduates Bible Survey Class** – The Pilgrim Travelers Missionary Baptist Church (located at 2945 John Daly Road in Inkster; Reverend C.E. Knighten, Pastor) will hold a graduation ceremony for its ASB (A Survey of the Bible) class on Sunday, November 23, during the Church's morning worship service (11 a.m.). The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 563-3388.
- **Board of Education To Meet at Barth School** – The next meeting of the Romulus Board of Education will be held at Barth Elementary School (located at 38207 Barth Road) on Monday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. As always, the public is encouraged to attend.
- **"When Praises Go Up ..."** – The Amity Baptist Youth Choir of Amity Baptist Church (located at 27075 Carlyle in Inkster) invites the public to attend its presentation, "When Praises Go Up ...," on Sunday, November 30, beginning at 4 p.m. Special guests will be the Faithway Full Gospel Praise Dancers. Admission is free. For more information, call 278-4430.
- **Recreation Department Organizes Trips for Youth** – The Romulus Recreation Department is planning a holiday skating trip for youths age five to 13 (Friday, December 2, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; cost of \$6 per person includes skate rental, but in-line skates are extra) and a trip to see a performance of *Aladdin* at the Northville Theatre (Saturday, January 3, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; cost is \$6 per person; parents are encouraged to attend with their children). Buses leave and depart from the Recreation building, located at 36515 Bibbins. Registration deadlines are December 30 and January 2, respectively. Call 942-6852 for more information.
- **Romulus Little League Fund-raiser** – The Romulus Little League's annual bowling-night fund-raiser will be held at Woodhaven Lanes (20000 Van Horn) on Saturday, December 6, at 10 p.m. A donation of \$15 per person covers three games, shoes, and door prizes. Families are welcome! For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Cathy (941-7612) or Regina (721-5053).
- **Recreation Department To Form Youth Basketball Leagues** – The Romulus Recreation Department is planning Youth Basketball Leagues for students in grades three through High School. Leagues will be divided in the following manner: grades three and four, grades five and six, grades seven and eight, and grades nine through 12. If there are enough registrations, a separate division will be available for the girls in each age group. Practices (beginning in January) and games (beginning in February) will be held in the evenings and on weekends. Cost is \$20 per child. Deadline for registration is December 12. For more information, call 942-6852.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## ANSWERS

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### LEAPFROG:

- 1) target; 2) grate; 3) Gear  
4) haunt; 5) tuna; 6) tan  
7) arcane; 8) nacre; 9) acne  
10) blanks; 11) balks; 12) slab  
13) strike; 14) tiers; 15) stir  
16) tipsy; 17) pity; 18) tip  
19) dagger; 20) grade; 21) rage  
22) invoice; 23) novice; 24) coven  
25) novel; 26) lone; 27) Leo  
28) sincere; 29) screen; 30) Ceres  
31) nearly; 32) relay; 33) Lyra  
34) dragnet; 35) ardent; 36) anted  
"Thanksgiving / turkey dinner"

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN "THANKFUL":

ankh, aunt, faun, flak, flan, flat, funk,  
haft, half, halt, hank, haul, hula, hulk,  
hunk, hunt, khan, lank, lath, talk, tank,  
than, tufa, tuna, ulna, fault, flank, flunk,  
haunt, thank, flaunt, tankful

## Marriage Lines

### Mark J. and Angel (Good) Cady

Married earlier this year were Mark J. and Angel (Good) Cady of Romulus, Michigan.

The ceremony was conducted on Thursday, April 3, 1997, at Toledo City Hall in Toledo, Ohio.

A reception was later held at the Monroe Diner in Monroe, Michigan.

Mark is the son of Oscar and Nancy Cady (Romulus, MI).

Angel is the daughter of James and Janet Good (Wyandotte, MI).



## New Arrivals

### Elizabeth Sue Krampitz

Kevin and Betsey Krampitz of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Elizabeth Sue.

Born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 5:46 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 1997, Elizabeth weighed in at six pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

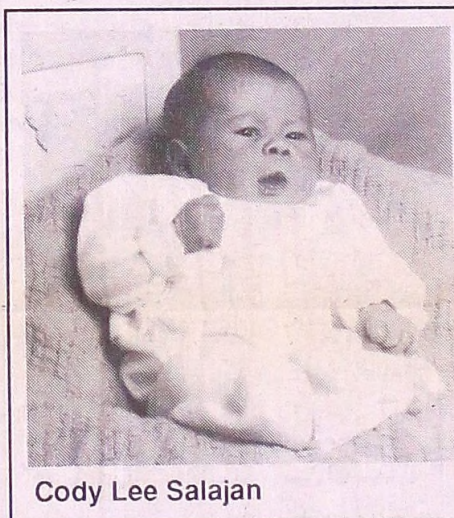
Especially excited about her arrival was her big brother, Kevin Carl Krampitz, who is 2½ years old.

Elizabeth's paternal grandparents are Jerry and Mary Krampitz of Romulus. Carl and Betty Brown, also of Romulus, are her maternal grandparents.



Elizabeth Sue Krampitz

### Cody Lee Salajan



Cody Lee Salajan

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Cody Lee, are Kenneth and Michele Salajan of Romulus, Michigan.

Cody was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 11:16 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, weighing in at seven pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 21½ inches.

Giving him an especially warm welcome into his new family was his big brother, Kyle.

Cody's paternal grandparents are George and Betty Salajan of Albany, Georgia.

His maternal grandparents are James and Sandra Trudell of Romulus.

## Obituaries

### Mary P. (Schmidt) Salmons

Mary P. (Schmidt) Salmons of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, November 6, 1997. She was 75 years old.

The native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, was born on July 2, 1922.

Surviving Mary are one son, John T. Bowden (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Ms. Sonja King (Romulus, MI); two stepsons, Douglas Smith (Florida) and John Salmons (Michigan); one step-daughter, Mrs. Mark (Nancy) Mitchell (Port Huron, MI); three brothers, Bernie McCurry (Canada),

James McCurry (Canada), and Earl Schmidt (Ontario, Canada); three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Salmons.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the National Arthritis Foundation.

### James O. Sexton

James O. Sexton of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, November 7, 1997, at the age of 81.

The Wyandotte Chemical retiree – born in LaFollette, Tennessee, on December 16, 1915 – is survived by his wife, Ryssah Mae Sexton.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Neil Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

### Linda D. (Trent) Stevens

Linda D. (Trent) Stevens of Belleville, Michigan, died on Thursday, November 13, 1997. She was 42 years old.

Linda – who was employed at Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus, Michigan – was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 20, 1955. She and husband Robert were married on May 22, 1973.

Surviving Linda are her husband; one son, Jacob M. Stevens (Belle-

ville, MI); and one daughter, Jessica D. Stevens (Belleville, MI).

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 17, at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Romulus Memorial Cemetery was the burial site.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization. □

## THANKSGIVING RECIPES

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### Tangerine Bavarian Tart (makes 8 servings)

22 reduced-fat chocolate graham cracker squares

¼ cup honey

1 tbsp. melted butter

¼ cup sugar

2 tbsp. all-purpose flour

1 packet unflavored gelatin

1½ cups tangerine-orange juice or orange juice

1 tbsp. orange-flavored liqueur

½ tsp. vanilla extract

1½ cups thawed frozen light nondairy whipped topping

Orange zest

Spray 9-inch tart pan or pie plate with nonstick cooking spray. In a food processor, crush the graham cracker squares; pulse in the honey and butter. Transfer to the pan, pressing firmly over the bottom and up the sides. Refrigerate until chilled, 15 minutes.

Fill a large bowl halfway with ice water. In a medium nonstick saucepan, combine the sugar, flour, and gelatin;

whisk in the tangerine-orange juice. Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly; remove from the heat and stir in the liqueur and vanilla. Set the saucepan into the ice water; let stand, stirring occasionally, until the mixture begins to thicken, 15-20 minutes. Fold in the whipped topping. Transfer to the crust, swirling the top in a decorative pattern; refrigerate until firm, about 3 hours. Garnish with the orange zest.

Points per serving: 3.

Per serving: 211 Calories; 4 g. Total Fat; 2 g. Saturated Fat; 4 mg. Cholesterol; 100 mg. Sodium; 40 g. Total Carbohydrate; 1 g. Dietary Fiber; 3 g. Protein; 5 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers 123 Success*, 1997.

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